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SUBJECT: MOVE OF MSG POST

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ATHENS FOR RSO, AND ATO; DEPARTMENT FOR A/ SY/ FO

1. REFTTEL PUTS US IN DIFFUCULT POSITION. AS WE REPORTED IN FEBRUARY (JERUSALEM 204), WE HAVE CANCELLED VICILIAN GUARD CONTRACT AND LAST NIGHT OF DUTY FOR CIVILIAN GUARDS WILL BE NIGHT OF APRIL 1. AS OF NEXT NIGHT, ONLY GUARD FOR COMPOUND WILL BE MARINE GUARD. NOT TO MOVE MSG WOULD LEAVE ACESS GATES TO COMPUND UNATTENDED DURING NON- WORKING HOURS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO COMPROMISE INTERIM SYSTEM, BUT THEY POSE REAL PROBLEMS IN THE LAYOUT HERE:

(A) VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN GATES AT FRONT OF COMPOUND ARE CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM MARINE POST ON THIRD FLOOR OF OFFICE BUILDING (ABOUT 80 YARDS). TRAFFIC THROUGH THESE GATES LATE AFTERNOON, EVENINGS, ON ON WEEKENDS IS HEAVY, PRIMARILY BECAUSE CONSUL GENERAL' S RESIDENCE IN WITHIN COMPOUND. MARINE GUARD WOULD SPEND INORDINATE AMOUT OF TIME BACK AND FORTH, AWAY FROM HIS POST, DURING THESE PERIODS;

(B) MARINE GUARD MONITORS EMERGENCY RADIO EQUIPMENT AND SELCALL ALARM WHICH ALERTS TCU TO NIACT MESSAGES. BOTH OF THESE SYSTEMS ARE RELATIVELY FREQUENTLY USED. THEY MUST BE
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INSTALLED IN ONE PLACE OR THE OTHER AND IF MSG ALTERNATES BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT POSTS THEY WOULD BE UNCOVERED EITHER DURING DAY TIME OR AT NIGHT. THEORETICALLY WE COULD INSTALL TWO SETS OF EQUIPMENT BUT THIS WOULD NOT IN ANY CASE BE IMMEDIATE SOLUTION SINCE WE HAVE NO EXTRA EQUIPMENT ON HAND.

2. PERIOD DURING WHICH PROPOSED INTERIM SYSTEM WOULD BE USED, AS FORESEEN IN REFTTEL, WOULD BE LONG. CCTV NOT SCHEDULED TO BE INSTALLED UNTIL JUNE OR JULY. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, ALARM SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE WHICH WOULD ENABLE GUARD LOCATED IN ANNEX BUILDING TO DETECT ANY SURREPTITIOUS ENTRY INTO OFFICE SUITE ON THIRD FLOOR OF MAIN BUILDING. THIS EQUIPMENT ALSO INSTALLED DIRECTLY IN C& R AREA. WE UNDERSTAND TCU WISHES TO PUT IN SOME ADDITIONAL ALARMS AND WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR MORE THAN TEN WEEKS FOR THEM TO DO SO (JERUSALEM 34).

3. ISSUE WILL NOT ARISE IN PRACTICAL TERMS UNTIL NIGHT OF APRIL 2. SINCE FROM REFTTEL WE UNDERSTAND RSO WILL BE HERE DURING THAT WEEK, AT MOST ONLY DAY OR TWO OF OPERATING NEW SYSTEM WILL BE INVOLVED BEFORE WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT ON SPOT. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, TO PUT MARINE GUARD AT NEW POST IN ANNEX BUILDING, LEAVING HIM THERE DURING ONE OR TWO NIGHTS INVOLVED, BUT HAVE HIM MAKE FREQUENT CHECKS OF MAIN BUILDING AT RANDOM TIMES THROUGHOUT NIGHT. GIVEN THE ELABORATE ALARM SYSTEM ALREADY INSTALLED AND SHORTNESS OF TIME INVOLVED, ANY CAUSE FOR SECURITY CONCERN WOULD SEEM TO BE MINIMAL.
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